

2005 American Community Survey: Overview of Data Release Plan

The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) is part of the 2010 Decennial Census Program. The ACS is a nationwide survey that provides annually updated, detailed demographic, socioeconomic, and housing information for communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

By its sample design, the ACS accumulates independent monthly sample data as time passes. This allows for the release of estimates for smaller geographic areas once enough sample has been accumulated.

This chart explains the ACS release strategy, as it will unfold over the coming years.

Data Product	Population Threshold	Year of Data Release							
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1-year Estimates	65,000+	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
3-year Estimates	20,000+			2005-2007	2006-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012
5-year Estimates	All Areas					2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011	2008-2012

In 2006, the ACS will release estimates for areas with a total population of 65,000 or more. The releases are planned to occur in a phased approach starting in August 2006. Data from the Puerto Rico Community Survey will be released concurrently with its respective data from the ACS.

<u>August 15, 2006:</u>	Social and Demographic Characteristics
<u>August 29, 2006:</u>	Economic Characteristics; Public Use Microdata File
<u>October 3, 2006:</u>	Housing Characteristics; Narrative Profiles; Workplace Base Tables (tables for where a person works, not where he or she lives)
<u>November 14, 2006:</u>	Selected Population Profiles

Detailed information about the content of each release may be found on the following page.

CONTENT OF ACS DATA RELEASES

August 15, 2006: Demographic and Social Characteristics

Demographic Characteristics

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic or Latino
- Relationship
- Households by type

Social Characteristics

- School enrollment
 - Educational attainment
 - Marital status
 - Fertility
 - Grandparents
 - Veteran status
 - Disability status
 - Residence one year ago
 - Place of birth
 - U.S. citizenship status
 - Year of entry
 - World region of birth
 - Language spoken at home
 - Ancestry
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August 29, 2006: Economic Characteristics

- Employment status
 - Commuting to work
 - Occupation
 - Industry
 - Class of worker
 - Income and benefits
 - Poverty status
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October 3, 2006: Housing Characteristics

- Housing occupancy
 - Units in structure
 - Year structure built
 - Rooms
 - Bedrooms
 - Housing tenure
 - Year moved into unit
 - Vehicles available
 - House heating fuel
 - Occupants per room
 - Value of owner-occupied units
 - Mortgage status and selected owner costs (including owner costs as a percent of household income)
 - Gross rent (including gross rent as a percent of household income)
 - Additional Detailed Social and Economic Characteristics
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November 14, 2006: Selected Population Profiles

- Profiles with characteristics above for selected age, race, origin, and ancestry groups